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## Dear Sir:

I am writing to you this day regarding a matter which I feel demands your immediate attention. It has recently come to my attention that "downed animals" are still being used for human consumption. I am sickened by this and I am urging you to please act on docket number 98P-0151/CP1 and make a rule which bans the slaughter of downed animals for human food.

Downed animals are so sick that they cannot even stand on their own, therefore; most of these animals are infested with diseases like bovine leukemia virus, bovine immunodeficiency, and also Mad Cow Disease. I understand that last year the FDA banned certain animal by-products from being used in livestock, this certainly is a first step, however; it needs to be taken a few steps further.

I urgently request the FDA to act on the above number docket and to ensure the passage of such now pending before you. Thank you for your attention to this most urgent concern, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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